



Notice
March 3, 2011

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Chancellor

The Proposed Phase-out of Bronx Academy High School (08X560)

I. Description of the subject and purpose of the proposed item under consideration.

Bronx Academy High School (08X560, “Bronx Academy”) is an existing transfer school. Transfer schools are small, academically rigorous high schools designed to re-engage students who are behind in high school or at risk of dropping out. Bronx Academy is “co-located” with The Felisa Rincon de Gautier Institute of Law and Public Policy (08X519, “Felisa Rincon”) in school building X972 (“X972”) located at 1440 Story Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473, within the geographical confines of Community School District 8 (“District 8”).

A “co-location” means that two or more school organizations are located in the same building and may share common spaces like auditoriums, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. Bronx Academy currently enrolls students who are 16 years of age and older in grades ten through twelve. Felisa Rincon serves students in grades 9-12.

The New York City Department of Education (“DOE”) is proposing to phase out and eventually close Bronx Academy based on its poor performance and the DOE’s assessment that the school lacks the capacity to turn around quickly to better support student needs.

If this proposal is approved, Bronx Academy would no longer admit new students after the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Bronx Academy would complete phasing out in June 2013. Current students would be supported as they progress towards graduation while remaining enrolled at Bronx Academy. In cases where students do not complete graduation requirements by June 2013, the DOE will help students and families identify alternative programs or schools that meet students’ needs so that they may continue their education after Bronx Academy completes its phase-out.

In a separate Educational Impact Statement (“EIS”) posted on March 3, 2011, the DOE has also proposed to co-locate a new transfer school, Bronx Arena High School (“Bronx Arena,” 08X537), in building X972 as a replacement option for Bronx Academy. This EIS can be accessed on the DOE’s website at:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals.htm>. Copies of that EIS are also available in the main offices of Bronx Academy and Felisa Rincon.

In the event that the phase-out of Bronx Academy is not approved, the DOE would re-examine the availability of space in X972 and may, as appropriate, revise its proposal to co-locate 08X537 in the building. Such a proposal would be described in a revised EIS.

II. Information regarding where the full text of the proposed item may be obtained.

The Educational Impact Statement describing this proposal to phase-out Bronx Academy can be found on the Department of Education's web site:

<http://schools.nyc.gov/AboutUs/leadership/PEP/publicnotice/2010-2011/Apr282011Proposals.htm>.

Copies of the EIS are also available in the main office of Bronx Academy and Felisa Rincon.

III. Submission of public comment.

Written comments can be sent to HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov.

Oral comments can be left at 212-374-5159.

IV. The name, office, address, email and telephone number of the city district representative, knowledgeable on the item under consideration, from whom information may be obtained concerning the item.

Name: Izaak Orlansky
Office: Division of Portfolio Planning
Address: 52 Chambers St
Email: HS.Proposals@schools.nyc.gov
Phone: 212-374-5159

V. Date, time and place of joint public hearing for this proposal.

April 6, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Bronx Academy / Felisa Rincon
1440 Story Avenue
Bronx, NY 10473

Questions about the proposal can be directed as indicated in section IV above.

Speaker sign-up will begin 30 minutes before the hearing and will close 15 minutes after the start. To request interpretation services, please contact Mr. Orlansky at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

VI. Date, time and place of the Panel for Educational Policy meeting at which the Panel will vote on the proposed item.

April 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.
Prospect Heights Campus
883 Classon Ave
Brooklyn, NY, 11225